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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed 05/02/01 for which a response is now due, the period of time having been extended, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (amended). A composition comprising [a protected] an alkylating reagent having a protected functional group said protected functional group capable of reacting with a nucleophilic group when deprotected wherein the protected functional group is unreactive to a nucleophilic group when in the presence of a nucleophilic group [wherein deprotection of said reagent is catalyzed by an enzyme].

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